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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE`

In re application of:

Thomas W. Rademacher; Hugo Caro

Application No.: 09/775,856

Filed: 02/01/2001

For: Cyclitol Containing Carbohydrates From Human Tissue Which Regulate

Lipogenic Activity

Examiner: Delacroix-Muirheid, C.

Art Unit: 1614

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as indicated herein. Please reconsider the application in light of the amendments and remarks below. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

1) A petition to extend the period for response by 2 months.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.